(c) Air India has taken following steps to encourage more passengers to travel on the India-Gulf sector:-

(i) First and Executive Class passengers travelling on Air India and connecting to interior points in India or beyond India are provided with 24 hours free accommodation facility at Centaur Hotel, Delhi and Bombay; ....

(ii) Full fare first and Executive Class passengers originating from the Gulf area are entitled to 24 hours hotel accommodation free of cost at ITDC hotels; ....

(iii) Operation of direct venture services to Dubai Muscat and Abu Dhabi, from Calicut using Indian Airlines aircraft;

(iv) Operation of flights, with Indian Airlines aircraft on hub and spoke pattern to provide convenient connection to passengers from Ahmedabad, Hyderabad and Amritsar

Removing the restrictions on private Airlines

5876. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to remove all restrictions imposed on private airlines operating in the country;

(b) if so, by when a decision in this regard is likely to be taken;

(c) whether such a step will have any impact on the working of Air India and Indian Airlines; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Private Airlines operating Scheduled Services are required to operate in accordance with the requirements promulgated on 1.3.1994.

(c) and (d) The scheduled operators, namely Indian Airlines and Vayudoot will now share the routes with other such operators to meet the requirements of different regions of the country.

Use of staff in ITDC

5877. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the chauffeur driven cars termed as 'staff cars' but actually in use by ITDC Executive etc., during 1990-91, 1991-92 to March, 1994;

(b) the names and designations of the above mentioned persons who used|have been in use of the so-called staff-cars during the period mentioned in part (a) above an amount spent on the repairs, maintenance, petrol etc., on the running of the above vehicles and amount paid as OT|Exgratia to the drivers during the said period; and

(c) the details of the persons other than the Managers, GMS, VPs|Sr. VPs etc. who have used above mentioned vehicles in each Division|Unit etc. where the vehicle is shown as attached during the above mentioned period?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The staff cars are allocated to the various Divisions of the ITDC and are under the administrative control of the Head of Division|Department.

Necessary information about number of staff cars allotted to various divisions of the ITDC Headquarters maintenance cost, over time|ex-gratia, etc., paid is given in the statement.